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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition which stimulates thermogenesis, for oral administration, comprising capsaicinoids in combination with a formulation base which is acceptable for oral administration:

said formulation base consists essentially of at least one vegetable and/or mineral oil selected from soya oil, sunflower oil, corn oil, olive oil, nut oil, and a liquid paraffin, and at least one lipophilic additive selected from polyethylene glycol, beeswax, candelilla wax, carnauba wax, polyethylene oxide wax, petroleum wax, and glycerol palmitostearate, wherein said at least one lipophilic additive is solid or pasty at room temperature, the lipophilic additive amounting to 5 to 20% by weight of the composition, and wherein the composition is a dosage form chosen between soft or hard capsules, and wherein the composition comprises beeswax and glycerol palmitostearate, wherein the weight ratio of beeswax represents approximately 5% by weight based on the total composition, and wherein the weight ratio of glycerol palmitostearate represents approximately 5% by weight based on the total composition.

2-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the lipophilic additive is selected from polyethylene glycol, beeswax, candelilla wax, carnauba wax, and glycerol palmitostearate.

15. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 1, wherein the lipophilic additive is a mixture of beeswax and glycerol palmitostearate.

16. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 15, wherein the weight ratio between the beeswax and the glycerol palmitostearate is approximately 1.

17. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the capsaicinoids are present in the composition as capsicum resin.